

SUCCESS OF FOCH MENACES WHOLE OF GERMAN PLAN

NEW YORK, July 24—(Associated Press)—From all sides of the Soissons-Rheims salient the Allies continue to press in sewing up tighter the pocket in which they have caught the army of the Crown Prince and making more untenable hourly the position of his shattered forces. In all directions gains were made yesterday although they were not, generally, so long as in the previous fighting. The gains made yesterday were nevertheless of great strategic importance.

WHOLE PLAN THREATENED

The German disaster threatens the whole of the von Hindenburg plan for the balance of the offensive, it is recognized by some in Berlin. Swiss advices said last night that although the public was not fully advised in Germany of the reverse to the German arms enough had leaked through the news channels to seriously alarm the people. The Frankfurter Zeitung is quoted as saying that "Foch's counter attack threatened to head off the whole of the von Hindenburg plan."

LOSSES ARE ENORMOUS

German losses are conservatively estimated as in excess of 180,000 men in addition to the terrain, guns, munitions, supplies and materials that have been taken and destroyed. The Reuter's cables, on that yesterday that according to careful estimates, which warrant acceptance of the figures as conservative, the Germans have employed since July 15, between sixty and seventy army divisions and in the period since that date they have lost in killed, wounded and prisoners not less than 180,000 men.

GAINS ALONG OURCQ

Important gains were made in the fighting of yesterday along the Ourcq River. In that sector several villages were occupied and about 1800 prisoners besides many deserted guns and machine guns were captured. In this advance heavy pressure had to be overcome but the gains were most satisfactory.

Proceeding up the river, the French on the north bank and the Americans on the south the Allies overcame the pressure of the German reserves and the French took the village of Montgru and proceeded on to the outskirts of Oulchy la Ville where they were within seven miles of Fere en Tardenois which allows the guns of the batteries that have been brought up to dominate the Armentieres-Tardenois road, thus further interfering with German communications.

On the south of the Ourcq the American forces crossed the Chateau Thierry road and advanced a distance of about three-quarters of a mile eastward.

SEE FIRES BLAZING

From Oulchy, looking up the river, the French could see fires blazing in Fere en Tardenois and in Villers Hatrendois, indicating that the foe was burning supplies and materials in preparation for a hasty abandonment of those points in retreat to the Vesle River.

Near Montdidier the French forces scored another important advance and one of the longer gains of the day. They reached the westerly fringe of the wood north of Sauvillers Nongival, a total advance of two miles on this front for the day. In this advance they took three villages within fifteen minutes' time and took 350 prisoners and fourteen machine guns.

DOMINATE AVRE VALLEY

The French now control the heights dominating the Avre Valley. Between the Ourcq and the Marne the French recovered all ground lost in enemy counters on Monday in the Grissoles region, seven miles east of Chateau Thierry.

Near Marfieux, in an early attack the French took Pettichamp wood near Marfieux, taking 200 prisoners and a number of guns.

In the face of a stiffening resistance and after considerable difficulty the French effected another crossing of the Marne at Pontalison east of Reuil and proceeded forward.

Throughout yesterday reserves were brought up by the enemy and new batteries placed thus stiffening the resistance at many points of the salient. This movement is expected to continue to retard progress as it did yesterday but is regarded as a covering movement for the withdrawal of the army which appears inevitable.

MANY AIRPLANES DOWNED

In the air fighting of yesterday, official advices from Paris said, the French and British aviators downed thirty-seven enemy planes and set fire to four observation balloons. Flying out over the enemy lines they dropped many tons of bombs on several points of German concentration.

CHATEAU THIERRY VICTOR IS YOUNG

NEW YORK, July 24—(Associated Press)—General de Contte, who is heralded as the "Chateau Thierry Victor" and has been in command of the French and American troops in that sector, is a very young man for the honors which he has won. He is able and brilliant and is one of the young men of the French generals.

At the outbreak of the war he was a colonel.

JAPANESE SAILORS ARE BURIED WITH HONORS

TOKIO, July 23—(Special to Nippo Jiji)—Funeral services of the 621 of the Japanese Imperial Red Cross mission yesterday enrolled himself in the life membership list of Red Cross societies.

The other nine members of the commission took out annual memberships.

AVIATORS UNDO WORK ON ZEEBRUGGE MOLE

AMSTERDAM, July 23—(Associated Press)—News has been received here that air forces of the Allies have destroyed the repairs which the Germans had begun to make to the mole and locks at Zeebrugge, raised and blockaded a few months ago. The Allies have also succeeded in sinking two torpedo boats in the harbor and the canal remains closed.

JAPANESE COMMISSION ARE RED CROSS MEMBERS

NEW YORK, July 23—(Associated Press)—Prince Tokugawa, head of the Japanese Imperial Red Cross mission yesterday enrolled himself in the life membership list of Red Cross societies.

The other nine members of the commission took out annual memberships.

BERLIN CONCEALS TRUTH FROM PEOPLE

Official Reports Differ Widely From Allied and Neutral News of Battle

AMSTERDAM, July 24—(Associated Press)—Official reports from Berlin continue to claim successes on the Western front and are in striking contrast with the news reaching here from Allied and neutral channels. The news that was officially presented to the Berlin public last evening said:

"British attacks were repulsed at many points on Sunday and our aviators and anti-air guns downed fifty-two Allied machines."

"Yesterday the enemy did not renew their attacks on the south of the Aisne because of the heavy losses they have sustained."

"Last evening there were local engagements on the west bank of the Aisne and the Crown Prince's forces repulsed and frustrated joint enemy attacks between Soissons and Rheims. Public Misinformed."

The German public is also being told by inspired newspapers and official utterances that the "ambitious attempts of the French and Americans to break through the German line have failed because of our elastic defense."

The semi-official Wolff Bureau dwells on the "excessively severe" losses of the Americans, due to the fact, it says, that the Americans are mixed for the first time "with savages and niggers," instead of the French. It also declares that at many points in the mountains the American dead lie in front of the German positions.

AMERICAN FLIERS TAKE OVER STATION

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, July 24—(Associated Press)—American aviators yesterday took over from the British one of the most important airplane stations on the English coast. From this station they will patrol a large sea area.

JAPAN TAKES STEPS TO CHECK HOARDING RICE

TOKIO, July 23—(Special to Nippo Jiji)—The shortage of rice begins to be so acute in Japan that the government, through the department of agriculture and commerce, has ordered that any person, this including high officials as well as commoners, who has a supply of over five bushels of rice for the month of July will have to submit a report to the Japanese government. The new crop of rice will be harvested during the months of October and November. The intention of the government is to find out exactly how much rice there is in Japan.

THINK GERMANS WILL GET USED TO RAIDS

LONDON, July 13—(Associated Press)—In the opinions of British government officials Germany's emotional crisis due to air raids on cities along the Rhine will be of long duration, with progressive attrition of German morale.

The Rhine, they point out, is a broad river as well as a long one and it is an unmitigable guide to airmen flying high by day or night. Many munition dumps are distributed along that stream, and also within easy reach of Allied airmen are the iron towns dotting the river bank.

Germany cannot, it is argued, put up an effective air barrage along the whole length of the Rhine and the Saar, although she can, by robbing her battle line, keep fighting planes on the Rhine to attack the raiders. However, when the British recently raided Saarbrücken, Germany lost three to one when she sent up fighting machines for defense work, and Saarbrücken was bombed just the same.

FIND FOOD HOARDED IN BAPTISMAL FONT

AMSTERDAM, July 13—(Associated Press)—A curious food hoard has been discovered at Einbeck, says the South Hanoverian Gazette, in the parish church baptismal font. Investigations following a denunciatory letter revealed six hundredweights of oats and a hundredweight each of rye and beans.

AFTER GAMBLERS

GOETTERAGEN, July 13—(Associated Press)—With a view to putting down the alarming growth of gambling, the Hungarian government has prohibited all games of chance at clubs and saloons in Budapest and police have been given authority to enter private clubs at any time, say German papers.

CASUALTIES REPORTED

LONDON, July 23—(Associated Press)—Casualties reported today were:

Army—Killed in action, twenty-four; died of wounds, three; of disease, five; of other causes, five; severely wounded, sixty-seven; missing, one.

Marines—Killed in action, four; died of wounds, three; severely wounded, fifteen; missing, one.

AN IMPROVED QUININE DOES NOT AFFECT THE HEAD

YANKEE FISHERMAN IS SUNK BY DIVER

PORTLAND, Maine, July 24—(Destroying fishing craft, barges and other unarmed and defenseless craft, the German diver-raid is still operating off the New England coast and on Monday morning sank the fishing schooner Robert and Richard of the schooner coast.

Four survivors of the crew of the schooner, this State yesterday morning and brought details of the sinking.

Monday morning a submarine emerged near the Robert and Richard and sent a shell across her bows which brought the schooner to a standstill. The fishermen immediately took to their boats and a party of the diver's crew boarded the schooner, took her papers and planted a bomb in her which exploded soon after the Tustons departed. The diver was last seen heading south and traveling on the surface.

Yesterday afternoon a steamer arrived here bringing seven more of the crew of the fisher and Captain Johnston of the schooner.

The captain says that the material of the diver told him that he formerly lived on the Maine coast.

It is considered here that this affair, following the appearance of a diver off Cape Cod, effectively clears up any mystery as to the source of the explosion which sank the armored cruiser San Diego.

EXPEDITION PLANS GO ON Czecho-Slovaks Take Irkutsk

TOKIO, July 24—(Special Cable to Nippo Jiji)—Preparations for the Siberian expedition are going steadily forward and the imminence of its departure is shown by the announcement that a Japanese Red Cross corps will leave for Siberia July 29. The announcement was made by Baron T. Ishiguro, president of the Red Cross of Japan.

Meantime heavy fighting is in progress between the Czecho-Slovaks and the Bolsheviks, the latter reinforced by former German and Austrian prisoners.

Irkutsk Taken. After days of hard battling the Czecho-Slovaks have fully occupied Irkutsk. Other reports received today say that the Russians and their Tustons Allies are desperately attacking Seminoft and his forces.

Seminoft Is Young. According to one who met General Seminoft during a journey to Siberia, the Siberian leader, opposing the rule of the Bolsheviks is a young man of twenty-eight years of age. His father is a Cossack and mother a Mongol. His real rank in the army is captain, but on his staff are officers of the rank of colonel and general who look up to him as their commander.

During a conversation with General Seminoft he pointed out that Siberia is in no way a natural annex of Russia, that it is bound to stand by itself and that the people of Siberia have nothing in common with the Russians. He said that he was an Oriental, not a European. With the help of a neighbor, he said, he said, that Siberia must separate itself from European Russia and establish its independence. Seminoft is described as a man of wonderful energy and a born leader of men.

EXPORTS INCREASE BUT IMPORTS GROW

Result Is Falling Off of Seventy-five Millions in Foreign Trade Report

WASHINGTON, July 23—(Official)—Decreases of \$75,000,000 in United States foreign trade for the fiscal year ending June 30 as compared with the year ending June 30, 1917. The falling off is in the value of exports for imports showed an increase and the figures reflect the growth of our industries and the shipment of supplies to American forces in France.

The bureau of foreign and domestic commerce announces that America's foreign trade for the fiscal year ending June 30 totaled \$8,874,000,000 compared with \$8,949,000,000 in the preceding year. Imports were valued at \$2,946,000,000 an increase of \$257,000,000. Exports were valued at \$5,933,000,000, a decrease of \$362,000,000. The trade balance is \$2,987,000,000 compared with \$3,631,000,000 the preceding year. Gold imports were \$124,000,000 and exports \$19,000,000. Silver imports were \$70,000,000 and exports \$139,000,000.

MESSAGE CONTROL ORDERED BY WILSON

Government Takes Over Telephone and Telegraph Lines But Not Ocean Cables

WASHINGTON, July 23—(Official)—Telephone, telegraph and radio lines will be under government control from and after July 30 under the proclamation which has been issued by President Wilson in accordance with the authorization of congress. Ocean cables and radio lines are not taken under this proclamation but may be taken over later if it shall be considered necessary. The control is for the duration of the war.

Authority to operate the electrical communication lines that are thus taken over at the end of the month, is to be vested in the postmaster general as controller or director.

ADVANCE IN ALBANIA GOES STEADILY ON

ROME, July 24—(Associated Press)—In Albania the advance of the Italian and French forces continues. Further successes were won yesterday.

Pushing along the crest of Malisheva the Italians captured Hill 990 after some hard fighting.

Further east the French have occupied the heights on the left bank of the Horta River which gives them a commanding position from which to proceed.

HINDENBURG IS ILL IS BERLIN'S REPORT

LONDON, July 23—(Associated Press)—Berlin dispatches reaching here via Bern, Switzerland, say that General von Hindenburg is seriously ill and will be unable to participate in military operations during the present year.

HUGH RODMAN IS HONORED BY KING

Now Rear Admiral He Came To Hawaii As Lieutenant and Later Commanded Station

LONDON, July 24—(Associated Press)—Aboard the grand fleet flag ship, King George, yesterday decorated United States Rear Admiral Hugh Rodman "Knight Commander of the Order of Bath" and Rear Admiral Joseph Strauss "Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George."

Rear Admiral Hugh Rodman spent a considerable time in Honolulu about fifteen years ago and is well remembered by Hawaiians. He came here as a lieutenant, took his examination and became lieutenant-commander while here and was in command of the naval station here. He went to the Orient in 1904. Since then he has visited Honolulu a number of times and has remained some of the earlier friends which he formed.

He is remembered as an ardent sportsman who took occasion when the chance presented itself to go hunting on the other islands.

CIVIC CONVENTION MAY NOT BE HELD

Apathy Expressed On Other Islands With Hilo Openly Opposed

The Civic Convention, scheduled to be opened on Maui about the middle of September, may not be held, owing to the apathy expressed toward it on various islands. Hilo having already announced that it is opposed to holding a convention of this character this year.

Alexander Hume Ford, of the Pan-Pacific Union, said yesterday he had just heard from Maui, and that his informant had expressed the opinion that the convention would not be held. Although the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce passed resolutions last Wednesday favorable to holding the convention, and so informed the Maui Chamber of Commerce, no reply has yet been received from the Valley Island organization, not even an acknowledgment of the receipt of the resolution.

Even on Maui the feeling with regard to the holding of the convention is about "fifty-fifty," as expressed at the last local chamber of commerce session.

The Pan-Pacific Union will not have representative at the Maui session, Mr. Ford stated recently as the Union's plan is to celebrate Balboa Day about September 17, and all its attention would have to be given to that annual event.

"TANK" INVENTED BY SON OF HAWAII

Son of Former Manager McFie Originated Design For Great Engine of War

It was a son of Hawaii who invented the "tank" which is now playing so important a part in operations on the western battlefield. Information has been received here, and is substantiated by local men who are familiar with the matter, that the inventor of the modern fire-spitting juggernaut of war was a son of R. A. McFie. Mr. McFie was formerly manager of Kilauea plantation, on Kauai, and is now a coffee planter in Porto Rico.

The son was born on Kilauea plantation. He is now in the aeronautics service of the British navy. After originating the idea of the battle tank he was given an order to draw a design and construct one. His design was accepted and the ordinance department took it and designed one of their own along similar lines and put it into active service.

Young McFie is at present flying for the British navy.

WAR SAVINGS STAMP SALES GROWING FAST

WASHINGTON, July 24—(Associated Press)—Sales of War Savings stamps are assuming greater volume every day and last week, undoubtedly induced in part by the news from the battlefronts in France, established the new record of \$63,020,000 for the week.

For the seventeen banking days of July up to the close of the last week the total sales were \$137,850,000. To date the sales have been \$447,820,870.

DRAFT AGE CHANGES ARE PLANNED BY BAKER

WASHINGTON, July 23—(Associated Press)—Secretary of War Baker announced today that when congress reconvenes the war department will present new propositions, having plans for a modification of the draft ages and a somewhat larger military organization.

Margaret, the nine-month old daughter of Mrs. Coe and of the late Clifford K. Coe, died at nine-thirty yesterday morning at the residence, 4000 Kalia Avenue. The funeral will be held at four o'clock this afternoon in the Kalia Catholic cemetery.

AMERICANSTAKE TANKS FROM HUN AND ADVANCE IN OPENFORMATION

Intelligence Departments Say They Find Indications That Retreat of Germans Is Becoming More Widespread

ARTILLERY SHELLING FAR BEHIND HUN LINE

Resistance Is More Desperate But Gains Are Continued In All Three Sectors of Americans In Soissons-Rheims Salient

WASHINGTON, July 24—(Associated Press)—Driving forward along the south bank of the Ourcq, pressing further westward to the northeast of Chateau Thierry and along the Marne, in three different sectors of the Soissons-Rheims salient.

Along the Ourcq they advanced a distance of more than a kilometer encountering a more determined resistance which made their progress less rapid. In that sector they cut the road to Chateau Thierry. Here they also took Buzancy. In this sector the American forces captured four German tanks which they forced the enemy to abandon in bayonet charges, after having surrounded the big tractors.

PRISONERS TAKEN

To the north of the Marne they held Chartèves, advanced and took Jaulgonne, about a mile east of Chartèves, and at Jaulgonne they enlarged the bridge head. Advancing from here they took 300 prisoners.

In the sector northeast of Chateau Thierry the battle is becoming more open and at one point yesterday the Americans advanced in skirmish formation over wheatfields and through woods.

RETREAT GROWS

Reports received last night from the headquarters on the Marne said that intelligence departments reported information that indicates the German retreat is extending. The French and American batteries are heavily shelling the foe far back of their lines, greatly hampering the movement of supplies and troops and adding to the disorder and demoralization.

PERSHING REPORTS

General Pershing in his communication for July 22 said:

"Yesterday evening our troops continued their advance in cooperation with the French south of the Ourcq and crossed the Soissons-Chateau Thierry road between Ourcq and Clignon. Passed through the towns of Beuzy and Cartèves.

"Other American units crossed the Marne from positions south of the river and occupied towns whose conditions showed that the enemy abandoned them in great haste."

FORTY-TWO CONCRETE SHIPS WILL BE BUILT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23—(Official)—Forty-two concrete ships of types similar to the steamer Faith are to be built by the government, it is announced by the representative of the emergency fleet corporation who inspected the Faith. Orders are soon to be placed for these concrete vessels, which are all to be of a standard type of 7500 tons burden, are to be built in a yard near here.

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE FREE SERVICE BUREAU OF THE UNITED STATES SHIPPING AND 1440 SEAMEN HAVE BEEN PLACED IN ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY SINCE THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THESE MEN HAVE COME FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.